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ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on August 24, 2009. A review of the application revealed that it is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner to address the following matter requiring attention prior to docketing.

EXAMINER'S CONSIDERATION OF

REPLY BRIEF AND AMENDMENT

A Reply Brief and Amendment was filed August 27, 2009. There is no evidence on the record indicating that the Examiner has considered or acknowledged the Reply Brief or Amendment in accordance with 37 CFR § 41.43(a)(1) and MPEP § 1208, part II.

CONCLUSION

Accordingly,
it is ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) consider the Reply Brief and Amendment filed August 27, 2009, as indicated above; and
- 2) for such further action as may be appropriate.

If there are any questions pertaining to this Order, please contact the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences at 571-272-9797.

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